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PATENT  
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Applicant(s) : Satoshi TSUJII et al.  
 Serial No : 09/672,863  
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 Art Unit : 2616

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

## Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	16	Minus	** - 20	* 0 x	\$18 (9)	\$ 0
Independent claims	7	Minus	*** - 7	* 0 x	\$88 (44)	\$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

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 \*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
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- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$300(150) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims \_\_\_\_\_ petition for extension of time.
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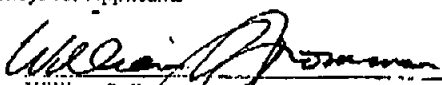
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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2004, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows: